

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the City of Alameda, the State of California and the nation continue to confront the challenges of violence in the form of hate crimes, brutality, domestic abuse, and other forms of inhumanity; and
- WHEREAS,** violence in actions, attitudes, and words is pervasive in our society; and
- WHEREAS,** an awareness of nonviolent principles and practices is a powerful way to heal and transform our lives and communities, to recognize the dignity and worth of every human being, and to promote peace and harmony among all people regardless of race, color, culture, class, language, faith, age, gender, sexual orientation, or other apparent difference; and
- WHEREAS,** the principles and practices of nonviolence were epitomized in the lives and work of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, and Caesar Chavez; and
- WHEREAS,** the Season for Nonviolence is an international campaign, extending from January 30 through April 4 of each year, the anniversaries of the assassinations of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. King; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1998, it has been observed at the United Nations and in hundreds of cities and locales around the world; and
- WHEREAS,** during the 2011 Season for Nonviolence, groups throughout the world will sponsor projects and programs to create greater awareness and consciousness of the principles and practices of nonviolence; and
- WHEREAS,** the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth and their Families, Social Service Human Relations Board, Alameda Unified School District, Alameda Police Department, and other community organizations conduct events and activities to focus our hearts and minds on nonviolence in recognition and celebration of the Season for Nonviolence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Marie L. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby declare the period of January 30, 2011, to April 4, 2011, as

A Season for Nonviolence

and encourage all residents of Alameda to participate in a celebration of our community's cultural and ethnic diversity by being nonviolent in actions and interactions with each other in our homes, schools, and society, and to support programs and projects conducted in the spirit of acceptance and nonviolence.

Marie L. Gilmore

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Mayor

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